

recirculates the TSP solution. TSP may also be applied by hand operated equipment.

5. Hot water or steam. Water or steam applied to the surface of the carcass at a temperature greater than 165 °F (≥ 74 °C) and applied for more than 10 seconds has been demonstrated to be an effective antimicrobial intervention. This includes the Cargill/Frigoscandia Steam Pasteurization Process applied to beef. The equipment must meet the requirements in 9 CFR 308.5 and the method of application may not interfere with inspection or create a sanitation problem due to mist, fog, or condensation. Hot water or steam may be used as an intervention during dressing of beef carcasses at any point where beef carcasses are currently allowed to be rinsed with water. FSIS approved automated or hand held equipment may be used.

6. Air or steam. Air or steam may be used to remove incidental foreign material such as hair, dirt, and rail dust, from carcasses. The air or steam containing the contaminants must be confined so that it is captured by a water curtain or exhaust system. The equipment must meet the requirements in 9 CFR 308.5 and the method of application may not interfere with inspection or create a sanitation problem due to mist, fog, or condensation.

Areas of carcasses with fecal or ingesta contamination, open abscesses, septic bruises, parasites or parasitic lesions, or lactating udders will not be treated until those conditions have been removed.

FSIS encourages the introduction of new technologies which demonstrably enhance food safety. FSIS believes that the data on the steam vacuum technology supports its use. Technologies which enhance food safety should be scientifically validated to assure that specific microbiological hazards are effectively controlled. FSIS will continue to encourage companies to prevent contamination, rather than relying on after-the-fact efforts to correct problems. Establishments must direct their energies at preventing such contamination.

Done at Washington, DC, on: March 27, 1996.

Michael R. Taylor,

Acting Under Secretary for Food Safety.

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Natural Resources Conservation Service

Bedrock Creek Supplemental Watershed Protection Project; Clearwater and Nez Perce Counties, Idaho

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of finding of no significant impact.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joyce Swartzendruber, Acting State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Room 124, 3244 Elder Street, Boise, Idaho 83705, telephone (208) 378-5700.

NOTICE: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR Part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (7 CFR Part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Bedrock Creek Supplemental Watershed Protection Project, Clearwater and Nez Perce Counties, Idaho.

The Plan/Environmental Assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Joyce Swartzendruber, Acting State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement was not needed for this project.

The Bedrock Creek Supplemental Watershed Protection Project consists of a system of land treatment measures designed to project the resource base, reduce off-site sediment, and improve the quality of waters entering the Clearwater River. Planned treatment practices include channel vegetation, proper grazing use, heavy use area protection, livestock exclusion, filter strips, stockwater developments, water and sediment control basins, fish stream improvements, fencing, and grade stabilization structures.

The Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency. The basic data development during the plan/environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Ms. Joyce Swartzendruber. The FONSI has been sent to various Federal, State, and local agencies, and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the address stated on the previous page.

No administrative action on the proposal will be initiated until 30 days after the date of this publication in the Federal Register.

Dated: March 25, 1996.

Joyce Swartzendruber,

Acting State Conservationist.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Connecticut Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Connecticut Advisory to the Commission will convene at 1:00 p.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 1996, at the Hartford City Hall, Function Room, 550 Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06103. The purpose of the meeting is to plan activities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Dr. Ivor J. Echols, 203-688-2009, or Ki-Taek Chun, Director of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, March 27, 1996.
Carol-Lee Hurley

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit

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Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the West Virginia Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the West Virginia Advisory to the Commission will convene at 11:00 a.m. and adjourn at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29, 1996, at the Martinsburg Berkely County Library, Martinsburg Room, 101 W. King Street, Martinsburg, West Virginia 25401. The purpose of the meeting is to plan activity and exchange information collected by the subcommittee on the Committee's project on Migrant Farmworkers in the Eastern Panhandle. The Committee anticipates inviting